

Glossary:European size unit (ESU)

Statistics Explained

European size unit , abbreviated as **ESU** , is a [standard gross margin](#) of EUR 1 200 that is used to express the economic size of an [agricultural holding](#) or farm.

For each activity (or 'enterprise') on a farm (for example wheat production, [dairy cows](#) or the output from a vineyard), the standard gross margin (SGM) is estimated based on the area used for the particular activity (or the number of heads of livestock) and a regional coefficient. The sum of all such margins derived from activities on a particular farm is its **economic size** , which is then expressed in European size units (by dividing the total SGM in euro by 1200, thus converting it to ESU).

Further information

- [European Commission - Farm Accountancy Data Network - Methodology](#)

Related concepts

- [Standard gross margin](#)

Statistical data

- [Agriculture, forestry and fishery statistics](#)
- [Standard Output coefficients](#)